



# Welcome to the AEC Best Practices Conference

The Grand Hyatt Washington, DC – 1000 H St. NW, Washington, DC 20001  
July 28 – July 31, 2024

## Sunday, July 28, 2024

3:00pm – 4:00pm **ELI Committee Meeting** (ELI Committee only)  
5:00pm – 6:00pm **Registration & Welcome Reception**

## Monday, July 29, 2024

7:00am – 8:00am **Breakfast**  
8:00am – 8:05am **Conference Overview and Introductions**  
Valerie Pope, AEC Chair  
8:05am – 8:35am **MCAA Update**  
Rick Gopffarth, Dynamic Systems, MCAA President  
8:35am – 10:30am **Reading Contracts & Mini Conference Planning**  
8:35am – 9:40am Joshua Grimes – Attorney & President, Grimes Law Offices  
9:40am – 9:50am BREAK  
9:50am – 10:30am Panel of Michelle Lynn - CPMCA, Kelsey Johnson - MCAA of Omaha,  
Scot Stoltenberg – MCA/MSCA of Iowa, Glenn Rex – MCA's of TX,  
John Rayburn - MCA of Chicago  
10:30am – 10:45am **Hill Appointments at the National Issues Conference**  
Jim Gaffney, President & CEO, Goshen Mechanical Contractors and  
MCAA Government Affairs Chair  
10:45am – 11:30am **AI's Effect on Contractors & CHAT GTP Demo**  
Sean McGuire, MCAA Executive Director of Innovative Technologies &  
Fabrication  
11:30am – 12:00pm **Ask MCAA**  
Tim Brink - MCAA CEO  
12:00pm **Afternoon on Own**

## Tuesday, July 30, 2024

7:15am – 8:00am **Breakfast**  
8:00am – 9:00am **UA Update**  
Mark McManus, General President of the United Association  
9:00am – 9:10am **Break**  
9:10am – 10:10am **TAUC LEO Program – Benefits to a Local Association**  
Mike Pleasant, UA Assistant General President & Mike Dorsey, Vice  
President of The Association of Union Constructors

**10:10am – 10:25am**      **MCAA Convention Update**  
Melissa Rogers, Executive Director of the MCAA Convention

**10:25am – 10:40am**      **Break**

**10:40am – 1:00pm**      **Speed Networking with the MCAA Staff**

Join in roundtables with MCAA Department Heads

1. **Communications/Marketing** - Michelle Logan
2. **Career Development** - Michele Hoffman
3. **MSCA, PCA** - Teresa Pezzi
4. **Safety, Health & Risk Management** - Raffi Elchemmas
5. **Membership Services, Manufacturer/Supplier, AEC Talk** - Jan Grillo & Lesley Ravas
6. **MCAA Convention & Field Leaders** - Melissa Rogers & Megan Willson
7. **Technology, Fabrication & JRGF** - Sean McGuire
8. **NCPWB & WebLEM** - Ron King
9. **Dues & WiMI** - Jocelyn Jackson

**5:00pm – 6:00pm**      **Cocktail Reception with all AEC & MCAA Staff**

**6:00pm – 8:30pm**      **Dinner with all AEC & MCAA Staff**

### **Wednesday, July 31, 2024**

**7:15am – 8:00am**      **Breakfast**

**8:00am – 8:30am**      **Safety & Health Update**

Raffi Elchemmas, MCAA - Safety, Health, and Risk Management

**8:30am – 9:45am**      **Maximizing Team Engagement**

Cameron Curtis, Founder & Chief Innovator, C2Association Strategies

**9:45am – 9:55am**      **Break**

**9:55am – 10:45am**      **Government Affairs**

Chuck Daniel - MCA of Maryland, MCAA Senior Advisor to the CEO & Chris Granberg – Principal, Longbow Public Policy Group, MCAA Government Affairs Consultant

**10:45am – 11:15am**      **MCAA AEC Jurisdiction Map**

Lesley Ravas - MCAA Director of Association Executives & M/SC  
Scot Stoltenberg - MCA of Iowa

**11:15am – 12:00pm**      **AEC Business Meeting**

Valerie Pope, AEC Chair

**12:00pm**      **Adjourn**

**Thank You!**

**AEC Best Practices Conference 2025**

**July 27 – July 30, 2025**

**The Westin Copley Place, Boston, MA**

